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TRIBAL AFFAIRS
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DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total population of tribals in Andaman and Nicobar;

(b) the steps taken to maintain the identity of aborigines tribals of Andaman and Nicobar; and

(c) the efforts made to impart education and make them accessible to modern facilities?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) The total population of tribals in Andaman & Nicobar as per the 1991 census was 26770.

(b) To preserve the identity of tribals of Andaman & Nicobar, the Union territory Administration has restricted the entry of outsiders into the tribal areas without the permission of the U.T. Administration. Filming and photography in these tribal areas are also not allowed. The Anthropological Survey of India., Port Blairalso prepares monographs on the tribes of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands to document tribal culture.

(c) The tribals in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands are still at different stages of socialand economic development. Efforts are made both by the Government of India and the U.T. Administration through the implementation of various educational as well as other social and economic development programmes for the all-round development of the Scheduled Tribes in the Islands, and to make modern facilities accessible to them .